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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Graumann  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to this Office Action.

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 1004, the period for response having been extended herein to January 10, 2005, by payment of the requisite fee for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.